

I MINA'BENTE OCHONA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Introduced by:

F. B. AGUON, JR. 

Relative to honoring, commending and congratulating the Natibu Cultural Heritage Dance Company on their 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary and Graduation Showcase, we extend a heartfelt *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase para todū y contribusion, dedicasion yan y promocion ni y Cuturan y man Chamorro, y Linala, yan y Huenengen familia ni ma despacha entre todū y Micronesan, y Islan Pacifico, y Marianas, todū y Nasion yan y entero gi mundo.*

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN  
2 GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, the Natibu Cultural Heritage Dance Company was  
4 founded in 1995 by Mr. Bengie Santiago; and

5 WHEREAS, in its humble beginnings the company was compromised  
6 of twenty-three (23) members. Today, the company is blessed with ninety-two  
7 (92) committed students from the early age of four (4) to about sixty-five years  
8 old; and

9 WHEREAS, an original member of the Taotao Tano Cultural Dancers,  
10 under the tutelage of Uncle Frank Rabon, Bengie Santiago continues to pass  
11 on the knowledge he has absorbed to his students. "Uncle Bengie", as he is  
12 affectionately and respectfully known, have taught his students the ways of

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1 respect and discipline, which are vital components to the success of the  
2 Natibu Dance Company and its legacy; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Natibu Dance Group competed at the World  
4 Invitational Hula Competition, entitled E Ho'I Mai I Ka Piku Hula... and  
5 brought home 1<sup>st</sup> Place finishing for our halau and our Island of Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, our dance group was given the esteemed privilege of  
7 winning the Maga Lahi Performing Arts Awards, an honor only one could  
8 dream of; and

9 **WHEREAS**, participating in community activities which contributed to  
10 a positive growing environment for our children is a brand mark of the  
11 Natibu Dance Group. Most recent is the WAR ON ICE campaign by the  
12 Government of Guahan; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Mr. Bengie Santiago was nominated and  
14 selected to receive the Hafa Adai Spirit Award given to an individual who has  
15 contributed and dedicated his life to teaching, promoting and preserving the  
16 island's culture, heritage and family values of the chamorro people; and

17 **WHEREAS**, through the Natibu Dance Company, Mr. Santiago takes  
18 pride on the promotion and preservation of not only the cultures of the Pacific  
19 but also and most importantly, the culture of the Chamorro people; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Uncle George Lanakitakeikiahia'I Na'ope certified and  
21 recognized Uncle Bengie as a Kuma Hula, christening him with the inoa  
22 (name) Kaleolanikia-Iokahula Hawai'I, which translates to " the heavenly  
23 voice, the keeper of the Dances of Hawaii"

1           **WHEREAS**, the Natibu Dance Company have presented repertoire of  
2 song and dance and brought the Hafa Adai Spirit show to far destinations as  
3 Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Taipie, China, Hawaii, Las Vegas and most  
4 recently, Saipan; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in Saipan, the Natibu Dance Group had spread the Hafa  
6 Adai Spirit to many schools such as; DanDan Elementary School, Kagman  
7 Elementary School, ChaCha Junior School and Marianas High School; and

8           **WHEREAS**, in each and every presentation, they bring with them the  
9 warmth of the Chamorro People and the Hafa Adai spirit so characteristic of  
10 them. Many accolades have been given to them for their presentation in both  
11 the demonstrative and competitive arenas; now therefore, be it

12           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
13 hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, honor,  
14 commend and congratulate the Natibo Cultural Heritage Dance Company on  
15 their 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary and Graduation Showcase, we extend a heartfelt  
16 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* para todú y contribusion, dedicasion yan y  
17 promocion ni y Cuturan y man Chamorro, y Linala, yan y Huenengen familia  
18 ni ma despacha entre todú y Micronesan, y Island Pacifico, y Marianas, todú y  
19 Nasion yan y entero gi mundo; and be it further

20           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary certify,  
21 and attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter  
22 transmitted to Mr. Bengie Santiago, founder of Natibu; to Natibu Cultural  
23 Heritage Dance Company; to the Honorable Phillip F. Carbullido, Chief  
24 Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,

- 1 Member of Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable
- 2 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2005.**

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**MR. MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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**MR. EDWARD J. B. CALVO**  
Legislative Secretary